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Campground Fee And Length of Stay Waiver Use Report

**Chequamegon-Nicolet, Ottawa
Hiawatha and Huron-Manistee
National Forests**



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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding Tribal-USDA Forest Service Relations on National Forest Lands Within the Territories Ceded in Treaties of 1836, 1837, and 1842

Introduction

The Forest Service has an MOU with nine Ojibwa Tribes that allows fee waivers for camping at Forest Service campgrounds. The waiver applies to tribal members exercising treaty rights in the ceded territory areas of 1836, 1837 and 1842. The Forest Service also agreed to waive length of stay restrictions at some campgrounds. MOU Section VI. C. 9. outlines this provision, and appendices to the MOU address implementation and self regulation. Each year the campground list is updated by the MOU parties and published hard copy and on the web.

Either the Forest Service or a campground concessionaire, through a special-use permit, operates National Forest campgrounds. Concession permits in place at the time of MOU approval in 1999 did not provide for a fee waiver for tribal use. Since that time, as permits expired, a provision to honor the MOU campground fee waiver was built into the updated concession prospectus's and permits. Currently all concession operated campgrounds on the Ottawa, Hiawatha and Chequamegon-Nicolet are now fee exempt.

Procedures for Tribal Members Using Fee-Exempt Sites

Outlined in the MOU Implementation Plan 2. b.

In order to use any campsite within a fee exempt campground, a tribal member must:

1. Obtain and follow the instructions of the Tribe's Conservation Department, or its designee, as to what forms, documents or information are necessary;
2. Follow the camping registration procedures and complete the paperwork generally used at the particular site in question; and
3. Instead of paying a fee, provide the document(s) or information required by the Tribe's Conservation Department, or its designee, to the campsite compliance personnel and/or place the required document(s) or information in and/or on a campsite fee envelope.
4. Camp only at a site for which he or she has registered.

Tribal Campground Use Data Gathering

Based on the above procedure, yearly information on tribal free use is gathered in September from Forest Service recreation staff and campground concessionaires. The information is used to update this report and reflects what tribal members indicated on their permits for the number of nights stay at the respective campground.

Included in this report on the following page is an informational handout the Forest Service provides internally to staff for their awareness of the fee waiver provision and procedure.



Tribal Camping Fee Waiver

What You Should Know

Chequamegon-Nicolet, Ottawa and Hiawatha NFs

What is a tribal campground fee waiver?

The Forest Service (FS) has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with nine Ojibwe Tribes that allows fee waivers for camping at certain FS campgrounds. The waiver is for tribal members exercising treaty rights in the treaty areas of 1836, 1837 and 1842

What are treaty rights?

Treaty rights are addressed in the MOU. They include gathering wild plants or other forest products. (ie. conifer boughs, medicinal plants, berries, firewood, maple sap, and birch bark to name a few). It also may include hunting, fishing, and ceremony. Under tribal self-regulation, and as outlined in the MOU, it is the responsibility of the tribal member to determine if their activity is a treaty right.

Who is eligible for fee waivers?

Tribal members of the Bad River Band, Lac du Flambeau Band, Lac Courte Oreilles Band, St. Croix Chippewa, Mole Lake Band, Mille Lacs Band, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and Lac View Desert Band.

What campgrounds can they stay at and for how long?

A campground list is updated yearly. The list includes nearly all campgrounds that charge a fee. Either the length of stay is 14 days or at some locations it is waived. The campground list can be found here along with other information on tribal relations:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/cnnf/workingtogether/tribalrelations>

Who issues tribal camping permits and how are they used?

Tribal camping permits are issued by each tribal office. They are NOT issued by the Forest Service. At the campground, tribal members fill out an FS fee envelope and place their camping permit in the envelope in lieu of money. It is deposited in the fee tube at the campground. **2012 Update:** *Tribal members will use a new permit specific to each forest. See attached. The reference on the permit to "NAGFA License #" is a GLIFWC permitting number assigned to individual tribal members for monitoring.*

Do fee waivers apply to camping under the National Reservation System (NRS)?

No. Tribal members can utilize the NRS; however, fees cannot be waived for reservations or camping through the NRS system.

Who enforces violations?

Conservation Wardens from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) enforce off-reservation tribal codes in the treaty areas (including National Forests). They work in cooperation with FS law enforcement, state wardens, and local tribal and public enforcement agencies.

Monitoring

Each year, information on tribal campground use is gathered from FS recreation staff and compiled for reporting.

For more information

Mary Rasmussen, Tribal Liaison at 715-479-2827.

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Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest Camping

2012 Tribal Camping Permit

Name _____ NAGFA License # _____

This permit is subject to Tribal Regulations. Please see your tribe's regulation for a complete listing of regulations and campgrounds at which this permit is valid. Please indicate the number of nights you will occupy the campsite on the registration slip provided by the Forest Service. Thank you for your cooperation.

For more information please contact your tribal conservation office or GLIFWC offices at (800) 943-4447 or (715) 682-6619 or at www.glifwc.org.

Valid for no more than 14 nights of camping.

Issuing Agent _____ Date of Issuance _____



Ottawa National Forest Camping

2012 Tribal Camping Permit

Name _____ NAGFA License # _____

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Issuing Agent _____ Date of Issuance _____



Hiawatha National Forest Camping

2012 Tribal Camping Permit

Name _____ NAGFA License # _____

This permit is subject to Tribal Regulations. Please see your tribe's regulation for a complete listing of regulations and campgrounds at which this permit is valid. Please indicate the number of nights you will occupy the campsite on the registration slip provided by the Forest Service. Thank you for your cooperation.


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Filling Out Forest Service Campground Fee Envelopes For Tribal Fee Exemption



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Recreation Fee Permit


Detach this permit stub from envelope and display on vehicle dashboard this side up. If camping, attach permit to campsite post ensuring it is clearly visible.

VALID ONLY AT THIS SITE FOR THE DAY(S) PAID BEGINNING:	Purchase Date:	Date of registration
	No. of Days Paid:	Specify number of days registered for site.

**Permit
Stub**

No. 9033171

IMPORTANT: DETACH BELOW.



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Reference
FSM 2330

Recreation Fee Envelope

TO VALIDATE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

U.S. currency and checks drawn on U.S. banks accepted. Please do not fold bills or checks. Make checks payable to USDA Forest Service.

1. Amount Enclosed		2. No. of Day(s) Paid		3. Time and Date Purchased	
4. Vehicle License No.	5. State	6. Home Zip Code	7. Selected Camp Unit No.	8. No. In Party	
9. Other Charges		10. Golden Age or Golden Access Passport No.		11. Planned Departure Date	

Envelope

9033171

1. Fill in "tribal permit" here.

4. Enter permit holders vehicle plate; 5. State of plate; & 6. Home zip code

2. Indicate number of days. Maximum is 14 days.

3. Fill in date of arrival

7. Unit # here

Leave 9 & 10 blank

11. Specify departure date

After completing, detach permit stub and deposit envelope into box provided.

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Please fill in the requested information on the fee envelope to register.

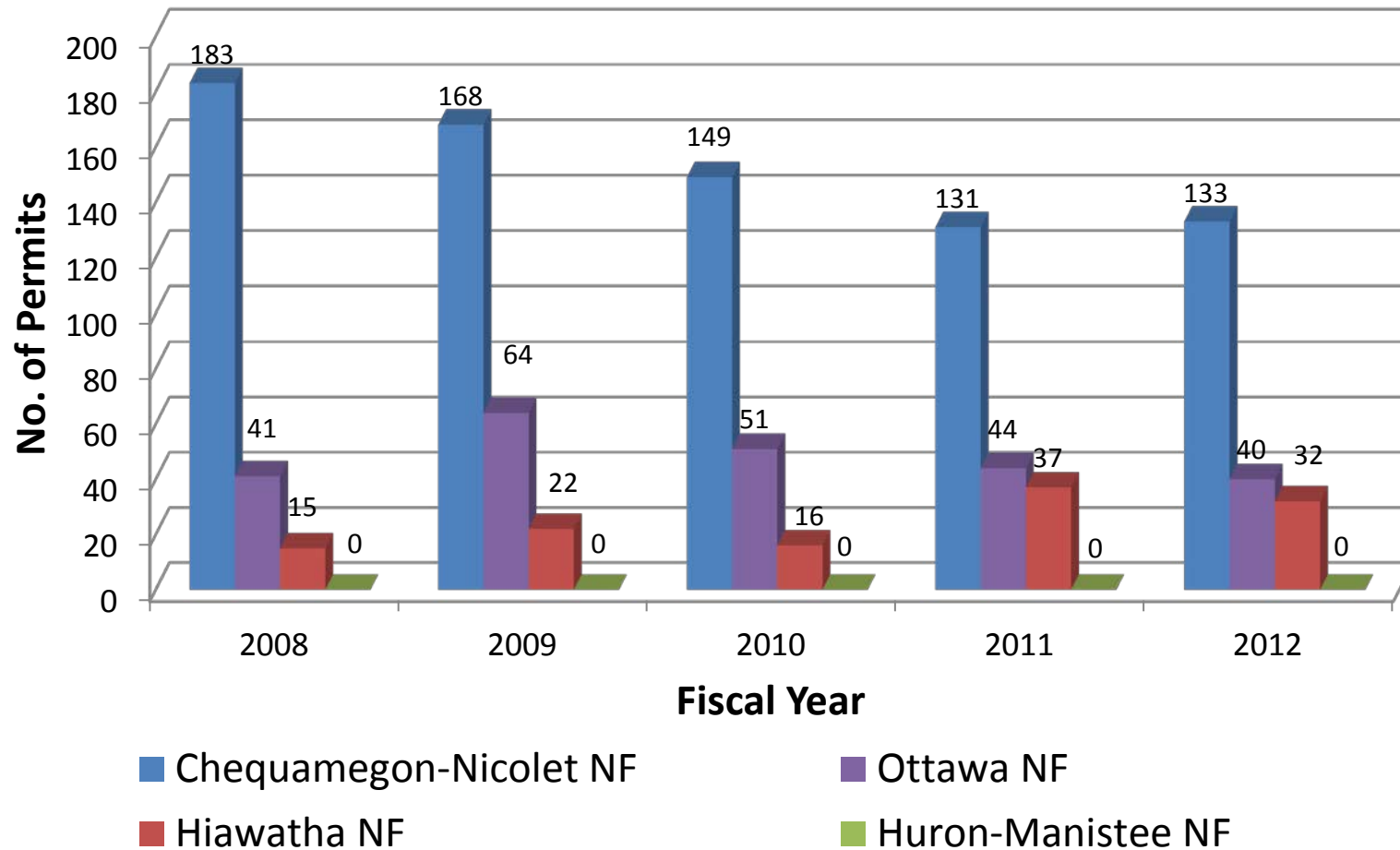
See the example above.

Tear off the envelope stub and attach to site post. Place your tribal camping permit in the envelope in lieu of money and deposit the completed envelope in fee tube at entrance.

Please review the campground's posted rules and enjoy your visit!



Campground Fee & Length of Stay Waiver Use
Summary -- FY 2008 thru FY 2012



CAMPGROUND FEE AND LENGTH OF STAY WAIVER USE REPORT

CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NF

FY	No. of Permits	No. of Nights	Average Night/Permits
2001	50	186	3.7
2002	47	148	3.1
2003	57	291	5.1
2004	88	377	4.3
2005	95	457	4.8
2006	114	430	3.8
2007	62	284	4.6
2008	183	904	4.9
2009	168	993	5.9
2010	149	804	5.4
2011	131	846	6.5
2012	133	645	4.8

HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST

FY	No. of Permits	No. of Nights	Average Night/Permits
2001	11	55	5.0
2002	3	10	3.3
2003	3	15	5.0
2004	0	0	0.0
2005	3	12	4.0
2006	43	232	5.4
2007	29	163	5.6
2008	15	88	5.9
2009	22	126	5.7
2010	16	78	4.9
2011	37	172	4.6
2012	32	425	13.0

HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST

FY	No. of Permits	No. of Nights	Average Night/Permits
2001	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0
2005	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0
2008	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0
2012	0	0	0

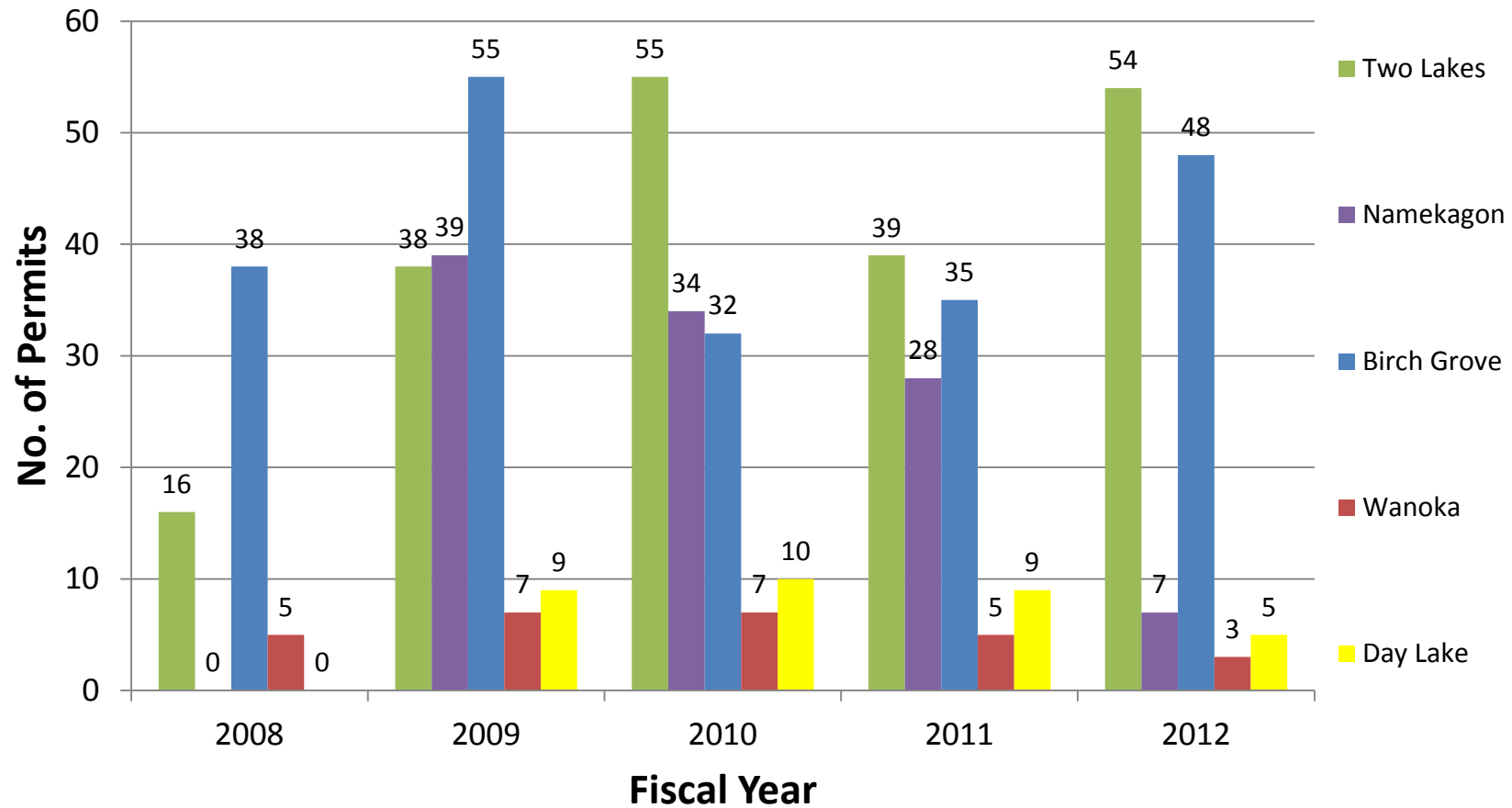
OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST

FY	No. of Permits	No. of Nights	Average Night/Permits
2001	26	182	7.0
2002	21	146	7.0
2003	39	228	5.8
2004	24	251	10.5
2005	37	276	7.5
2006	58	578	10
2007	67	610	9.1
2008	41	356	8.7
2009	64	476	7.4
2010	51	421	8.2
2011	44	357	8.0
2012	40	286	7.2

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Chequamegon-Nicolet NF

(Five Highest Use Campgrounds)



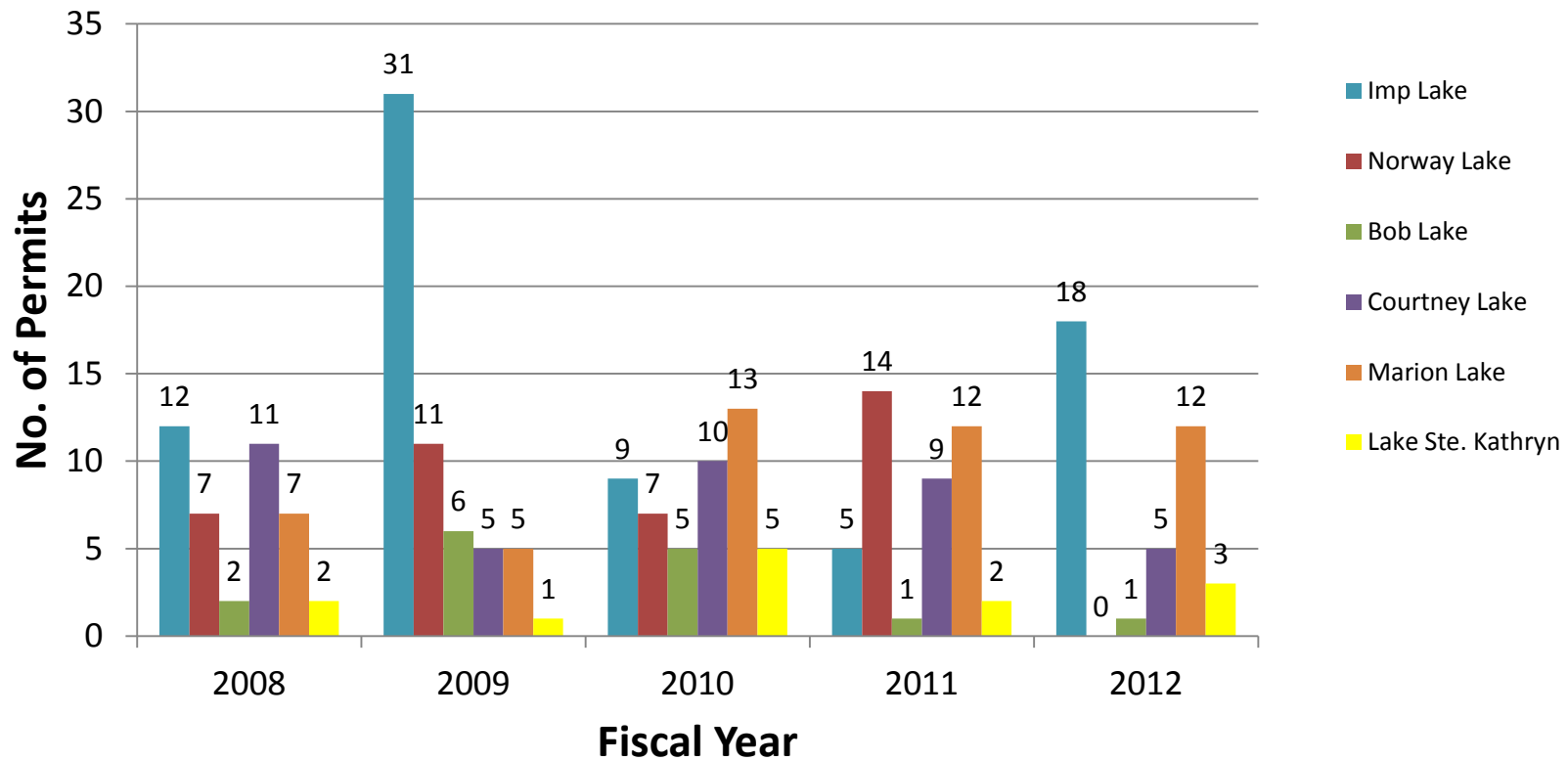
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	Permits							Nights				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Birch Grove	43	38	55	32	35	48	27	271	236	203	295	209
Wanoka	1	5	7	7	5	3	9	20	29	20	14	54
Twin Lakes	1	0	3	5	4	0	1	20	40	46	0	3
Namekagon	25	0	39	34	28	7	27	157	164	86	55	125
Lake Three	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	4
Day Lake	8	0	9	10	9	5	5	39	64	32	20	12
Horseshoe Lake	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Ada Lake	3	0	4	5	2	1		34	42	17	5	
Bear Lake	1	0	0	0	0	4		0	0	0	13	
Laura Lake	0	0	0	0	2	0		0	0	10	0	
LacVieux Desert	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			0	1	0
Spectacle Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Franklin Lake	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	16
Black Lake	1	0	8	1	7	3	4	45	5	68	40	14
Beaver Lake	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	19	7	11
East Twin	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Mineral Lake	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Boulder Lake	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	4	0	2	4
Sevenmile	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Emily	3	0	13	4	5	0	2	85	14	48	0	6
Two Lakes	16	16	38	55	39	54	53	198	317	201	387	212
Stock Farm	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
Luna-White Deer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Richardson Lake	1	0	1	3	1	1	0	5	9	12	5	0
Moose Lake	0	0	1	3	2	0	2	9	31	9	0	4
Anvil Lake	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	5
Lost Lake	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
Perch Lake		3	0	3	3	0	0	0	22	9	0	0
Ludington			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Mountain Lakes			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Brule			0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	10
Smith Rapids			0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	9
Boot Lake		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	0
			183	168	147	130	147	904	993	799	847	710

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Campground	Permits					Nights				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Lake Ste. Kathryn	2	1	5	2	3	18	14	29	6	18
Norway Lake	7	11	7	14	0	29	72	27	85	0
Bob Lake	2	6	5	1	1	6	34	21	5	2
Courtney Lake	11	5	10	9	5	81	54	81	60	23
Imp Lake	12	31	9	5	18	152	256	66	57	155
Marion Lake	7	5	13	12	12	70	32	193	130	87
Bobcat		1	0	0	0		4	0	0	0
Lake Ottawa	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	14	0
Golden Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black River Campground	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Clark Lake		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Perch Lake	0	2	1	0	1	0	7	2	0	1
	41	64	51	44	40	356	476	421	357	286

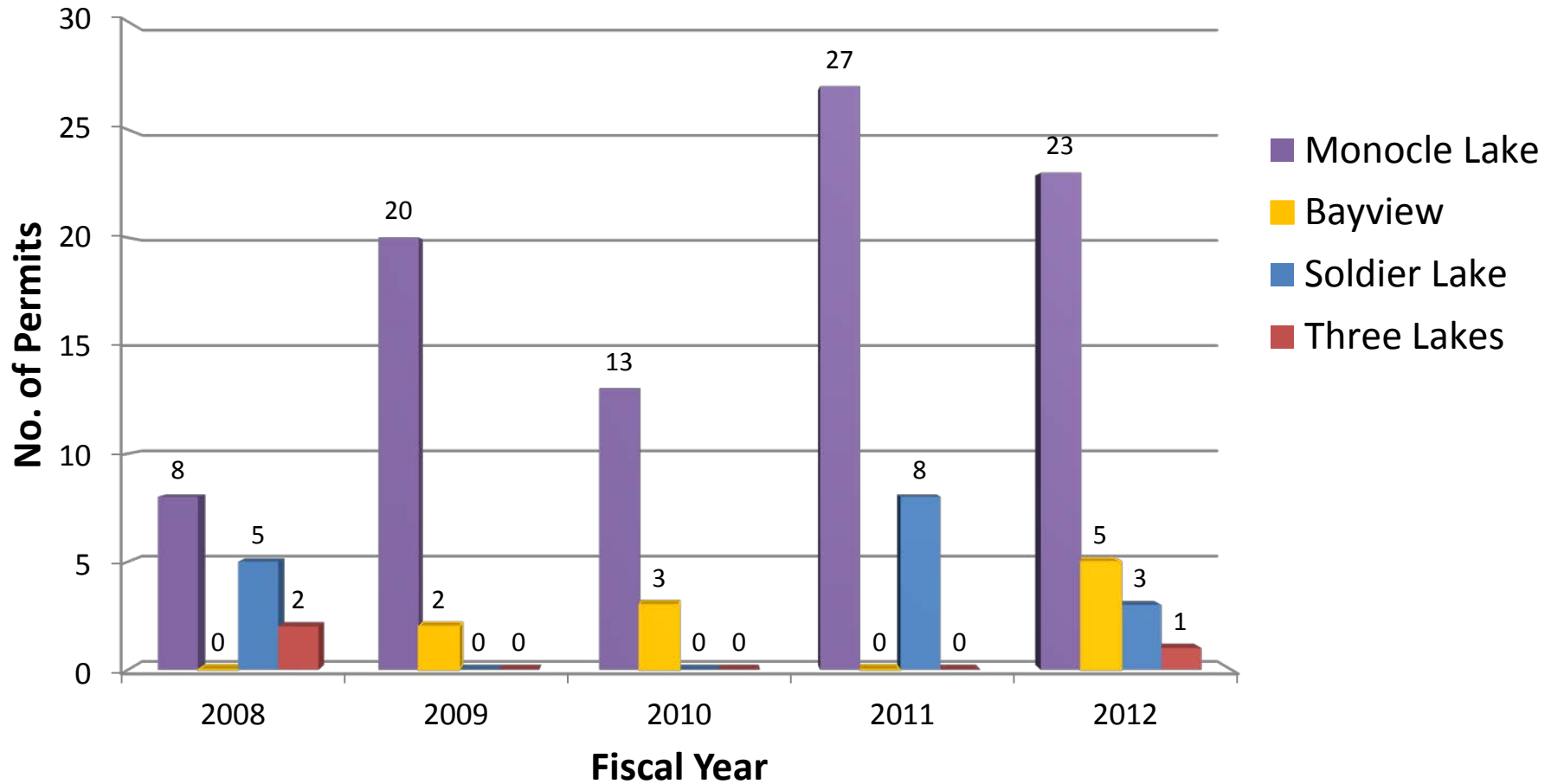
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	Number of Permits					Number Nights				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Soldier Lake	5	0	0	8	3	28	0	0	45	42
Three Lakes	2	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	6
Inland Lake Sites	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monocle Lake	8	20	13	27	23	54	120	70	117	310
Bayview	0	2	3	0	5	0	6	8	0	67
Little Bay de Noc	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	10	0
Totals	15	22	16	37	32	88	126	78	172	425

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Hiawatha National Forest



Huron Manistee National Forest
All new sites per 2008 Campground Concession
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